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1. Until 1949, the leading meteorologist in Rumania was Topor (fnu) who had perfected a system of long-range weather forecasting which made it possible to issue general weather forecasts for a period of 30 days. In 1948 and 1949, Topor reached the peak of his popularity but disappeared in 1949 and was not heard of again.
2. Since Topor's disappearance, the meteorological service in Rumania has been able to provide general forecasts to the public but none of the excellent quality provided by Topor; [redacted] believes that the Rumanian meteorological service is now accurate about 25 per cent of the time.
3. There was no scientific work being carried on in the field of meteorology that was given wide-spread publicity [redacted] To support this contention, [redacted] pointed to the fact that the director of the meteorological station at Bucharest/Baneasa civilian airfield, Troenaru (fnu), trained his own daughter to be a meteorologist and that all of her training had been carried out at the meteorological station. [redacted] all meteorologists in Rumania are trained in much the same way; however, they must first study mathematics and physics before they receive their meteorological training on-the-job.

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4. [redacted] slight knowledge of other fields of geophysics. In the field of hydrology, Rumania now had fallen far behind their pre-World War II position. Before the War, Rumanians were very conscious of soil moisture and the whole field of conservation in general but now make no attempt, whatsoever, to conserve either soil or moisture. 50X1
5. In the field of oceanography, [redacted] in 1947, an unnamed Rumanian scientific organization operated an oceanographic research schooner in the Black Sea but it has since been beached. 50X1  
[redacted] frequent trips in an east-west and west-east direction on the Black Sea and observed one very strong magnetic anomaly (sic). He was never able to establish that the anomaly actually existed but he and the other ship's officers always assumed that this was because of the difficulty of maintaining radio contact in the area of the assumed anomaly. 50X1
6. There was considerable interest in Rumania in the field of upper atmosphere research, especially with regard to its affect on radio transmission. All ships' radio operators and officers were required to submit a detailed report to the radio control station in Bucharest any time they had difficulty in radio transmission. 50X1

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